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Saint Leo Welcomes New Vice President

From one to two o'clock in the afternoon Monday through Friday and four to five on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, the door to Dr. Maureen Powers' office in St. Edward's Hall is open to anyone who wants to speak with her, especially students. Our new Vice President for Student Affairs has expressed a desire to speak with as many St. Leo students as will talk with her about issues and concerns that are important to them. Dr. Powers is setting up open meetings to gather student opinions and concerns, from which her strategic plan will grow.

The Vice President for Student Affairs is responsible for the following departments: Counseling, Residential Life, Health Services, Career Services, Co-curricular/Recreational Activities, Student Organizations, Student Discipline, and Student Activities. Dr. Powers plans to meet with the on-campus clubs and with the students in the residence halls to discuss concerns.

Her current plans for this year include two categories. The first is the level and number of activities on campus. These should be "well thought-out and well planned." The second is an increase in leadership opportunities.

Over the long term, Dr. Powers stated her goals to be the development of a very strong sense of spirit among students and a satisfaction in their experience at St. Leo. She wants individual students to feel "*that their involvement makes a difference*."

One of her major foci is on freshman and the goal of increasing the retention of students. The expanded orientation program this year was her start. Freshmen must estab

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Construction and Beautification of Main Entrance Completed

This past summer construction was completed on the main entrance and driveway to our campus. The old archway, with its asymmetrical support towers and the barren expanse of asphalt that comprised the driveway and parking spaces, is history.

We now have a main gateway flanked by two gracefully curved ascending walls that culminate in slender soaring towers. There is a new high-roofed pergola that creates a sense of unity between the CDL office and the Security office.

However, it is the transformation of the driveway that dazzles the eye and produces exclamations of delighted surprise. In place of the former gaping maw of bleak asphalt, we now have a lush, verdant palm tree-filled esplanade dividing a mini-boulevard. There are additional palm trees lining both sides of the road that provide a sense of balance as well as beauty.

The members of the Board of Trustees can take great pride in their achievement. The Student Body extends its sincere appreciation for their foresight and generosity.

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lish three things in the first six weeks to be successful: a bond with their institution, a handle on their academic life, and a variety of social connections.

Greek life is another thing that is undergoing a face-lift under Dr. Powers. She issued a letter with an invitation to all eleven Greek organizations on campus to meet with her and discuss common issues. Leaders from all of the Greeks participated in what Dr. Powers describes as a "productive" meeting. The meeting's focus was on Greek unity. Hazing was another important issue which she describes as "not simply a violation of campus policy" but a felony of assault. At the very least, proof of hazing will cause the entire organization to be dismissed from campus, and, when appropriate, will involve the police and may result in felony charges. Insurance coverage, Dr. Powers explained to the Greeks, relates directly to the nature of the event and to the host group's ability to follow school policy and law. With both of these, when the event is legitimate, they are covered by St. Leo insurance. The Greek leadership voted to restrict rushing and pledging to second semester freshmen, transfer students, and other students with sophomore or higher standing.

Dr. Powers and the Greek leadership are meeting every Thursday about their concerns with the goal of producing a document of rules and regulations by which all Greeks will live. She describes the leadership as "participating fully" in this composition that will express guidelines for successful Greek life on campus. They hope to have a finished product by the end of this school year.

St. Leo's new V.P. is from Worcester, Mass. She received her undergraduate degree in political science at Georgetown University in Washington DC. At St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, she received a Masters in Urban Development. Her PhD in Higher Education is from Indiana University. Her dissertation on international higher education took her to Kenya, Africa for a few months and Malawi, Africa for half a year.

Though her last position was as an Organizational Development Consultant for a private firm, she has extensive past experience in residential life and student activities. She was the Dean of Students at Emmanuel College (a Catholic institution) in Boston, Massachusetts and Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, a graduate assistant at Indiana University in Educational Practicum Placement, Assistant Dean of Students at North Adams State College, and Director of Residential Complexes at St. Louis University.

About St. Leo: "I like very much being back in a Catholic school environment." She likes the "values-based" education that is offered. "(St. Leo) is a good match for me."

"As a New Englander, I'm trying to adjust to the climate," she told me. As a school used to Sister Geraldine, I think it's fair to say that we're trying to adjust to Dr. Maureen Powers, as well.

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New English Professor, Dr. Samaras

The newest addition to the English Department, Dr. Nicholas Samaras, describes himself like a folk guitar, tightly strung, with good resonant tones, harmony, and polished wood. He calls Boston home since his grandparents settled there in 1912, but the world was his childhood playground. The four years of his high school took him into five different schools. He grew up in Cambridge, England and various parts of America, and has lived in Greece and Switzerland.

"An available position for a tenure track (at St. Leo) ... the possibility and the interest and encouragement to create a MFA (Masters of Fine Arts) program in Creative Writing" brought Dr. Samaras to St. Leo. He believes that there will be a year of researching and a year to implement the prospective MFA, which will be launched in the 1997-98 academic year. The program would bring new staff: a fiction writer ("You could have a fantastic novelist with a high school education. It really shows the talent of the writer and the publications of the writer. It is not solely dependant on the degrees."), a poet (He stops, smiles and points to himself.), and possibly a creative non-fiction writer. St. Leo would need two new instructors at the most. "Many of the professors (already) here are superbly equipped to teach fiction and techniques."

Dr. Samaras comes to St. Leo from a teaching position at the University of Denver, Colorado (20,00 undergraduate and graduate students). He is teaching Freshman Composition (ENG 121, 122). His game plan with those classes is to ascertain the level of individual students in the first two weeks of class. They talk about reading, interpretation, and analytical thinking with the first paper coming from a lottery of want ads. From that lottery, the students are to write a professional resume and four page cover letter. "It's language as weaponry and language as utilitarian tools." His only major-related class is Verse Writing (ENG 331).

To succeed in his classes, Dr. Samaras demands attendance and dialogue. "*Without that then it just becomes a droning, boring, being spoken to; that's not educative. I think that the ideas that the students bring are equally as valued as to what they are going to be receiving.... Be prepared to converse and to think. I'm not interested in memorizing something for a day, then spitting it out for a test and then forgetting it instantly.*"

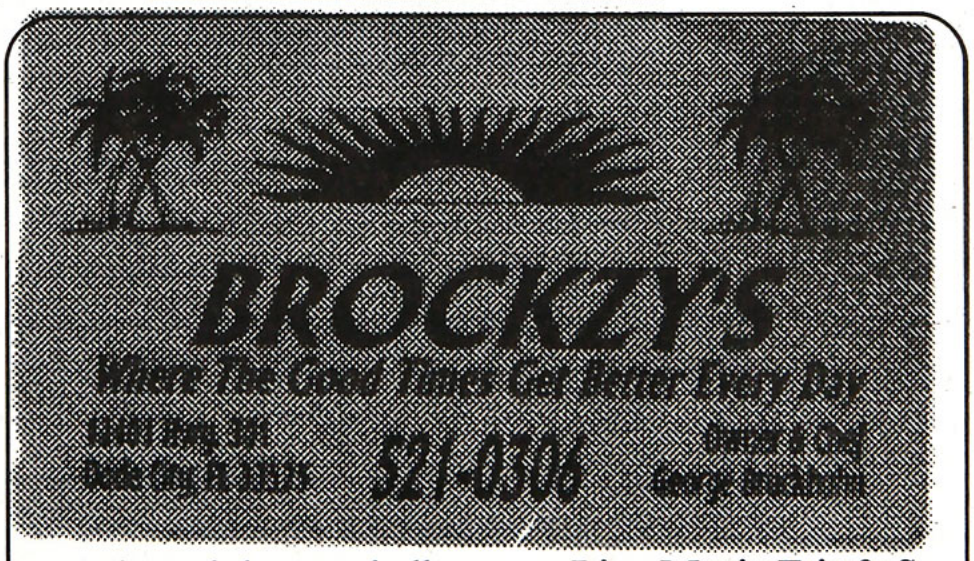
About those tests: "My examinations are geared toward their (students') thinking. Essays, thinking. If they've read something, if they were assigned something to read, then the examination is based on what they've read and what they've thought about, not what they've memorized."

Dr. Samaras' advice to English majors is to take all of the English survey classes concentrating on time periods. This is valuable to both literature and creative writing majors. "That might be something for me to do: just create a course in nothing but Victorian poetry, for example."

The professor explained to me: "(St. Leo) has more opportunity (than the University of Denver). I mean, if there are only fifteen or eight students per course, then it really shows the weaknesses. It really depends on the student to participate... otherwise he's just taking up space."

About our school: "I think St. Leo is very conducive to doing some serious work, some serious thinking... I think the potential is very enormous.... If you're interested in education, there's not much distraction here. Some people would call that nothing to do but if you're here for a purpose, I think the caliber of the teachers I've met in the English Department is just immense. That I'm very encouraged by."

And a final thought? "My only focus is on the creative. I think, no matter how you apply language, if you do it with a creative bend then it stands out as a superior piece of presentation."



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New Assistant Professor of Biology, Dr. Thomas-Young

Fresh out of graduate school this last July, Dr. Rebekah Thomas-Young's choice was either a post-graduate research fellowship or a teaching position. She chose to take a teaching position, and since Florida is warmer than Maine, she has become one of the three new faculty members in the Department of Mathematics and Sciences.

The new Assistant Professor of Biology is originally from Southern California, in the San Diego area. She received her Bachelor's in Anthropology and Physiology (a double major) from Metropolitan State College at Denver and did all of her graduate work in Physiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. This summer she moved here.

"St. Leo is a great place. I like it. It is just big enough. I'm beginning to recognize faces in the hall and getting people to say 'Hi' to me."

Dr. Thomas-Young is teaching Principles of Biology Lab (BIO 125), Vertebrate Embryology and Lab (BIO 321), and Kinesiology (BIO 420) this semester. Her advice to students is to work very hard, don't avoid taking hard classes even if they are not required, get as much experience as you can here at St. Leo. Graduate school bound students should apply to graduate school early and take their GRE (Graduate Records Exam) "either in December or the spring of your junior year." This will give you a chance to retake the test if the scores aren't as good as you wanted, and to apply early to graduate programs. "The GRE indicates how good you are under pressure because it is a timed test." On graduate school:

"Graduate school is kind of a rude awakening for American students because from day one, they expect you to think, and normally what most undergraduate students have been exposed to is regurgitation: the teacher gives you information, you memorize information, then you spit it back out on a test."

Regurgitation is not an option in graduate school. There is another level to learning: thinking about the information, processing the information, and coming up with results based on that information. "I expect my kids to know their stuff especially with the 300, 400 level classes.... I'm asking those kids to stretch a little bit and really know their stuff instead of just recognizing it on the page."

Does she regret not finding a research fellowship? I asked her:

"At this point, no. I love this job. I'm, what, four weeks into this? I'm having a blast, an absolute ball. I will get to do some kinds of research here (at St. Leo) eventually, I hope."

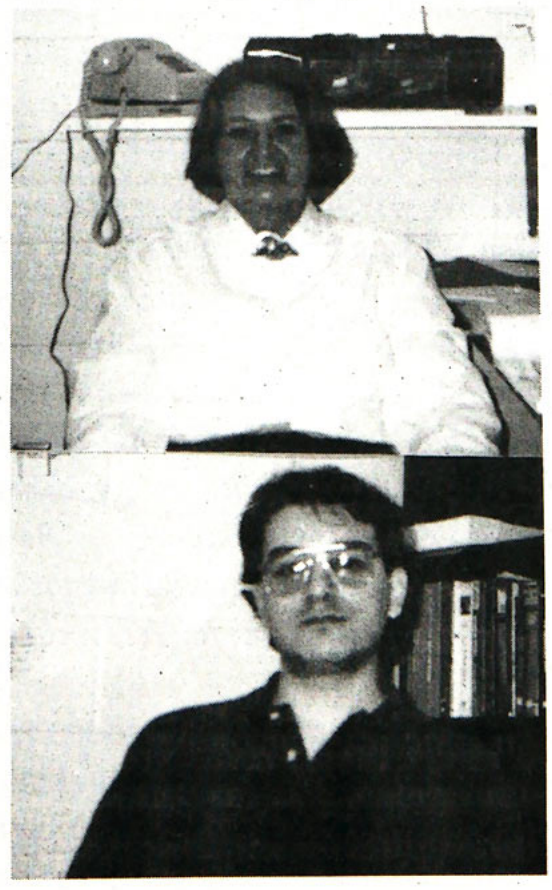
She will be starting work on some National Science Foundation grants and projects for senior Biology students with the aim of getting published. Dr. Thomas-Young described a research fellowship as "about a sixty hour a week sort-of-deal" that wouldn't have given her much time with her children (nine and eleven.)

On the way out the door, I asked her if she had anything else to tell the alumni, students and faculty. She smiled:

"Well, my door's always open and if anybody knows of a good party, let me know. I'm always up for that."

Dr. Rebekah Thomas-Young can be found in Lewis Hall room 210.

Top: Dr. Rebekah Thomas Young
Bottom: Dr. Nikolas Kodogianidis



Welcome Dr. Kevin Charlwood

"Times have changed quite a bit. The job market is tougher for people with bachelor's degrees than it was ten years ago when I was finishing up."

This is a warning from one of the new instructors in the Department of Mathematics and Sciences to St. Leo undergraduates. Dr. Kevin Charlwood suggests that students in his department takes as much math as they can fit into their schedules to up their chances in today's job market. Computing skills ("a knowledge of a variety of software packages") are essential along with communication skills which can be obtained through speech and writing classes. The goal is to be "clear and concise."

A full-time academic position attracted Dr. Charlwood to St. Leo from Bradley University, Illinois where he held a temporary position as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Here, he is teaching two sections of Statistics (MAT 201-01,02), Intermediate Algebra (MAT 121), and College Algebra (MAT 151). This has been somewhat challenging to Dr. Charlwood as he has never taught three different classes at one time. His advice to students taking his classes:

"Work hard but always make sure you ask questions along the way. All these classes start out with material that is presumably review but then builds on it from there. So if you get stuck at one point, you want to make sure you get over that hump before you try the new stuff."

One word of warning, Dr. Charlwood always gives first day homework assignments. He talked about his first day of class, "I'm sure I was a little nervous, being new here and so forth and this being the first meeting with the students here, but it went really well. The response was pretty positive."

Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin is where Dr. Charlwood calls home. He obtained his undergraduate degree in a double major of Mathematics and Physics at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin in 1986. His Master's program in Applied Math was finished in the spring of 1988 at the University of Minnesota. In August of last year, Dr. Charlwood finished his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee with a dissertation on Quantum Groups.

Last summer's heat wave across the northern states seemed to prepare Dr. Charlwood for our Florida temperatures. They had a couple of days in Wisconsin that broke 100 degrees.

As far as the instructor's plans, "I've been really busy just with stuff here in my own office so I haven't had a chance to get out too much. I'm hoping to get a chance to go swimming in the pool and play some tennis on the tennis courts when it cools off a little bit."

You can find Dr. Kevin Charlwood in Lewis Hall room 110.

Dr. Kodogianidis Joins the Math and Science Department

If I had to state a theme for my interview with Dr. Nikolaos Kodogianidis (affectionately known as Dr. K by those who have a little difficulty with pronunciation), it would be "Work besides class is important." He was very clear in his reason: "We cannot cover a lot of examples during a one hour class, so you get the idea, hopefully, during the class and then you try to test your understanding, sharpen your understanding by doing the problems.... One has to spend at least a couple hours for each hour of class at home."

From a position as lecturer at the University of Wisconsin, Dr. K joins the St. Leo faculty as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Physics in the Department of Math and Sciences. His classes include Pre-Calculus (MAT 161), Intermediate Algebra (MAT 121), and Physics with Lab (PSY 212). He received his PhD in Mathematics and Two Masters degrees (Mathematics and Physics) from the University of Wisconsin. His undergraduate work was done closer to his home at the University of Thessaloniki in Northern Greece. He has been in the United States for eleven years.

Dr. K advises students taking his classes:

"Prepare before class... Do work on your own as well as participate in class."

The new professor is now living in Dade City. "The place is smaller than what I was living at.... There, of course, where I was working (Wisconsin), I could get anything I wanted at a very short distance away." Here, he goes into Tampa for some things that he needs. About St. Leo: "It seems like it is a nice place. I have no problems, yet."

Anything else you'd like to say to the students, faculty or alumni, Dr. K?

"I have the impression that they (faculty) have to put some more work at home for their classes. I have students that I can tell that they can work at home but I would like to see... a majority of the students do the same thing."

Dr. K's office is room 109 in Lewis Hall.

Coach Reidy Adds International Flair to the Soccer Team

The game of soccer in the U.S., is known internationally as football. The Monarchs, in the last few years, have benefitted from that international influence. Coach Reidy has recruited players from Tanzania, Puerto Rico, Ireland, and Jamaica. This blend of European, African, and Caribbean styles of play has contributed greatly to the overall improvement of the team.

Some of these players were exchange students at local high schools while others were attracted to Saint Leo because of the type of program Coach Reidy has developed. A few of the team members were recommended by coaches from other schools.

At press time, 10/17/95, these players have helped our Monarch squad to an 8-4-1 record in a 20 game season earning Saint Leo a ranking of 18th in the nation. After 13 games, Jon Akin has 7 goals, 6 assists, for a total of 20 points. Wayne Murtaugh, who comes from Navan, Ireland, is next with 6 goals and 3 assists totaling 15 points. Sophomore Gavin Redmond, from County Wexford, Ireland has 3 goals, 6 assists, for a combined 12 points.

With all our international connections, it's easy to see that Saint Leo has a world class soccer team of our own. And though American fans, by tradition, are not as rabid about football as we are about gridiron football, let's get to the next home game.

Lynn University Tournament

Fri. 10/27 Landers University at Boca Raton 1:00 pm
Sun. 10/29 Regis University at Boca Raton 1:00 pm
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"They're Baaack!"

I was running past the gym the other night, hustling to class, when I heard a muffled THUMP sneak from the doors. I glanced over my shoulder and heard the THUMP again, then again. Since the lights were off inside and the doors chained, I stopped to investigate.

Bad move!

When I looked through the door, shading the glare off the glass, the THUMP sounded once more, progressing eventually to a rhythmic, dribbling kind of THUMP.

"Don't tell me some fool is shooting hoops in the dark," I said to myself.

Now the THUMPING stopped and I heard the unmistakable SWOOOOSH of a nothing-but-net shot followed by the returning dribbling sound.

"What is this guy doing in there?"

Then I heard a bunch of dribbling balls on the floor.

"Coach Smyly, has the team practicing in the dark? Maybe it's Coach Cone? But in the dark?"

To be honest with you, these coaches train the teams hard, but I didn't think they went this far. Eventually, I could hear the squeak of sneakers moving around the court, the BONK of a shot off the glass followed by a whistle.

"Man, all this in a pitch black gym! Can we play ball or what?"

Then the moaning cry of the buzzer joined the sounds.

"What? A buzzer in a gym with no lights? Wait a minute!"

So I grabbed the doors and shook them to be let in. (I had to see this!) Suddenly there were no more dribbling THUMPS, squeaky sneakers or whistles.

The eerie calm which followed pulled sweat from my forehead as I waited for someone inside to let me in, then shook the doors again, calling to those inside.

Nothing!

"I've been studying too hard!"

While walking back across the parking lot to Crawford Hall, my mind was still at the gym when a breeze began to blow through the trees. And for a moment I thought I heard someone whispering, "They're baaack."

The boys and girls of the hardwood floor are back. The season will be filled with phantasmal feats of athletic skill and spooky saves, shots, slams and wins.

Be part of the poltergeist experience when the Monarchs play Saint Petersburg A.A.U. in their season opener November 11 at 2:00PM, with the Lady Monarchs opening against Barton College November 21 at 7:30 PM, both here in the "Pit".

Monarchs Win Close Match Over Clearwater Christian

The women's volleyball team defeated Clearwater Christian College this past Friday, OCT. 13. The Monarchs won the first two games of the match 20-18 and 15-4, but the Cougars came back, winning the third and fourth games 15-8 and 16-14 to tie the match at 2 games each. Saint Leo held on to win the fifth game 15-10 to give them an overall record of 10-9 for the season.

The team was lead by senior outside hitter Fran Brinkman with 15 kills and 9 digs. Freshman middle hitter April Phelan had a season-high 12 "stuffs" (blocks) and 13 kills.

As the scores indicate, Clearwater came to play some ball. As a result, the Monarchs had to fight for every point in every game. At one point in the fourth game, the Cougars came back from a 10-4 deficit to win 16-14. In the fifth game Saint Leo finally got fired-up to put the game, and the match away 15-10. Even Coach Lent got excited about the tightness of the games.

The team's next fight at home in the "Lion's Pit" is against Palm Beach Atlantic College, Saturday the 21st at 7:00 P.M. These Monarchs are a good team to watch and root for, so let's hit the bleachers and support them.

Fri. 10/27 Northwood Institute at Clearwater 6:00 pm
Fri. 10/27 Clearwater Christian at Clearwater 8:00 pm
Tue. 10/31 Flagler College at St. Leo 7:00 pm
Wed. 11/1 University of Tampa at St. Leo 7:30 pm
Fri. 11/3 Florida Southern College at St. Leo 7:30 pm
Wed. 11/8 Florida Tech at St. Leo 7:30 pm
Sat. 11/11 Rollins College at Winter Park 7:30 pm

The Literature Page

This page is dedicated to the creative energy of Saint Leo College.

Untitled

by Emmanuel Perez

There was a day when my old frail tutor had no texts set out on that old mahogany table. He sat, sad and pensive, enraptured by the view from my father's library window. I coughed politely after a moment of observation. He turned and regarded me in the same manner he regarded those old woods. "Fui muy triste, por un momentito," he remarked after another long moment. At first I was angry. He baits me, I thought, for he knows Castillian is hard for me. Then, I was fearful, because I suddenly realized that he was capable of sadness.

"After his other son died, your great-grand father allowed me to continue coming onto the estate and to walk in those woods. Your great-uncle and I were dear friends, you see. Do you know the circumstances of his death?" I nodded. Having never known his uncle, my father felt no pain in invoking his name. "It was very tragic. In any case, we used to play in those woods as children. There was a stream there," he said, his eyes moving up the bookcase to the ceiling. "I loved that place. It was so removed, so quiet it became our own little world. I loved that stream, though. It was finding my reflections in it that held the most joy for me. Every time I returned, I could see my reflection in precisely the same spot. After his ... departure, even, it was a place of solace. One day I came, but I realized that it wasn't the same. The water moved. It was different than before. It was no longer the same. I mean, it was the same place, but ... it was different water that held my reflection. I could never go back after that." With that, he turned his chair back to the window. I then turned and left the library.

I thought I might know where this place was. Deeper into the woods than I had ever deigned to venture, but toward the lake behind the manor. I found what had to be the place late in the afternoon, and I was well frozen and hungry.

Sixty autumns lay on the forest floor. The clearing had obviously been a long-grown child's playground. Rocks, seemingly rife with purpose, lay in now incomprehensible patters on the ground. There was, however, a ring of stones like a campfire lay in the center of the clearing. Gray ropes undulated like serpents through the black sea of leaves. I found, next to a tree, a chipped and worm gargoyle, and I imagined what a labor it had been for two children to carry it all this way from the manor. Then, I found an old toy chest of stained pine with an iron catch. In it were a pair of rotting wooden swords, a mildewed woolen blanket and leather bound book that disintegrated when I opened it. I left then, and it only occurred to me later that I had not even looked for my reflection in the stream.

A Dream

by Carla Cruz

if only for a little while
could a dream live
someone else's hearts desire
some special wish in me
if only as a dreamer's
thought
could happiness I find
gladly would a dream I be
if the dreamer be so kind.

by Erin Magner

Listen to me.
For once hear what I say,
not what you think.
It's changed now.
I'm trying to spare your illusory
feeling by smiling and telling you,
"I care."
I need you to hear me,
not just my words.
Hear the me
that beats behind
the flowery phrase
that dances 'cross my tongue
and sounds so sweet to ears
that hear only phantoms
of what really is.
But how can you
hear me
and not shatter the shimmering
view you have of me?
To do so would mean giving up
the idol.
So let me slip away
and I can let you dream
and forget when you
wake.

Short fiction and poetry submissions from faculty and students are accepted in the Writing Center in Lewis Hall.

Tau Kappa Epsilon Travels to Washington, D.C.

"A Monumental Experience" is the phrase Tau Kappa Epsilon brothers used to describe the 1995 48th Biennial Conclave in Washington, D.C. on August 17-20. Over 400 TKE fraternity brothers representing more than 170 chapters and colonies throughout the United States and Canada gathered in our nation's capital to hold their Grand Council Meetings.

Among those fraters in attendance were five TEKE's from the Sigma-Theta chapter here at Saint Leo College: Pat Aylward, Mike Lee, Dann Riggs, Thomas Filgate, and Franklin "Panky" Halley.

The Conclave kicked off with an impressive display of lights and video and some inspirational words from Executive Vice-President of TKE brother Bill Metzger and members of the Grand Council. This is the second Conclave attended by Tau Kappa Epsilon brothers from St. Leo, the last by Tom Urban, class of 1994, in San Francisco, CA, in 1993.

"Staying at the Grand Hyatt Hotel with 400-plus other brothers was a true feeling of solidarity. No one cared where you were from. We were a fraternity of best friends, " said Pat Aylward, who is also the Chapter Treasurer here at St. Leo.

Chapters from as far away as Long Beach, California and Hawaii made the trip to this Conclave The next 1997 Conclave will be at the Innisbrook Resort in Florida, not far from St. Leo, in which the Sigma-Theta chapter will play a big role in the planning and direction. This Conclave included a boat tour along the Potomac River of Washington, D.C. When asked what was the best thing about the trip, brother Tom Filgate replied, "Meeting with and partying with brothers from anywhere, like New Orleans and Canada, and hanging out like we've known each other forever."

"Being able to go to the Conclave was an honor. It showed me and proved to me what Tau Kappa Epsilon and what a National Fraternity is all about. No matter where you are, no matter how old you are, we are all TEKES," said brother Franklin Halley.

Some of the more famous TEKES range from President Ronald Reagan, the King, Elvis Presley, Marv Levy, coach of the Buffalo Bills, and Phil Simms, former New York Giant quarterback. The brothers of the Sigma-Theta chapter at St. Leo are very active on the college campus. Chapter President Mike Lee is the Resident Assistant for 2nd floor Roderick Hall; Pat Aylward is the Student Chaplain for Roderick Hall; Brian Kirby is the Student Chaplain for Benoit Hall; Anthony Ibrahim is the Resident Assistant for 2nd floor Snyder; and four of the past five Intramural Athlete of the Year awards have gone to TEKES, including Dann Riggs, the 1994 recipient.

Tau Kappa Epsilon has over 270 chapters internationally. That is tops in the fraternity world today. They have over 10,000 undergraduate members and 290,000 Alumni brothers across the U.S. and Canada. "Knowing you can go anywhere a TKE chapter is located and be welcomed and treated like a brother can't be beat," said Mike Lee. Membership does have its privileges.

The 1995 Conclave wrapped up with the Grand Inaugural Banquet and the crowning of the 1995 TKE International Sweetheart. It was truly an experience those in attendance will never forget.

The Sigma-Theta Chapter of TKE would like to extend thanks to the Student Leadership Coalition and especially Kevin Hunter of Student Activities, without whom this Conclave trip would not have been possible.

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Future Educators of America

The Future Educators of America had their first organizational meeting on Monday, September 25. New officers were elected for the 1995-96 academic year: president, Kristen Hauser; vice-president, Ronda Sizemore; secretary, Pam Jufko; treasurer, Susan Bryant; historian, Sabrina delafe; parliamentarian, Daiquiri Urban. Dr. Koval is the organization's advisor.

The organization is planning several philanthropic projects. Some members will be helping adults learn English at the Dade City Migrant Center. Some have also expressed interest in volunteering at Sunrise shelter. Later in the semester F.E.A will sponsor a clothing drive. There has also been discussion about storytelling at the Dade City Library.

The induction ceremony for the organization will be held on Friday, November 10 at noon in Lion's Lounge. Thirty members will recieve certificates for their participation.

The Future Educators plan to be very active this year. Most of the members already spend at least four hours each week at a local school. All students are invited to the meetings. F.E.A. will meet again on Friday, October 27 in the Students Activities Center at noon. Please contact Kristen Hauser at extension 8761 if you would like to become involved.

Theater is Not Dead at Saint Leo

Although the Theater Department at the college has been terminated, there will be productions in the area. The Center Stage Players, a local theater group, will perform the musical My Fair Lady at Pasco Middle School. The performance is scheduled for November sixth through ninth, and a matinee on the tenth. Open auditions were held in mid-September here at the college to allow St. Leo students to participate. Among the cast are Marsha Wren Landers, a St. Leo student, as Eliza Dolittle; Dr. Jack McTague, a professor at the college, as Col. Pickering; Ralph Evans as Henry Higgins; Cheryl Conner as Mrs. Higgins; and Jim Class as Freddy. There are still some minor roles available; those who are interested should contact Rachelle L. Wilson, 567-3027.

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Reaction to O.J. Simpson Trial

As I looked out on campus at 1:00 PM on October 3, 1995, there wasn't anyone in sight, except for a couple of flashes of bodies running to their rooms. Silence and attentiveness possessed every room and building with a television set as if something important was about to happen. It was the same all over the country and the world. God seemed to push the pause button on his heavenly remote that controls the lives of Americans everywhere. We all listened as that verdict of Not Guilty was read and we all did a double-take in shock.

Did the jury system fail the American Public? I answer by giving a resounding NO! When all the arguments had been accounted for and all the evidence had been carefully scrutinized to the fullest, the collection of twelve jurors, called to duty by the Court of Law, made a decision that they were forced into by the Constitution. The prosecution failed to show 100% guilt to the American Public. There was reasonable doubt in this case. Plain and simple. The jury had no choice but to acquit O.J. Simpson. They are bound by law, that if there is reasonable doubt, to decide a not guilty verdict.

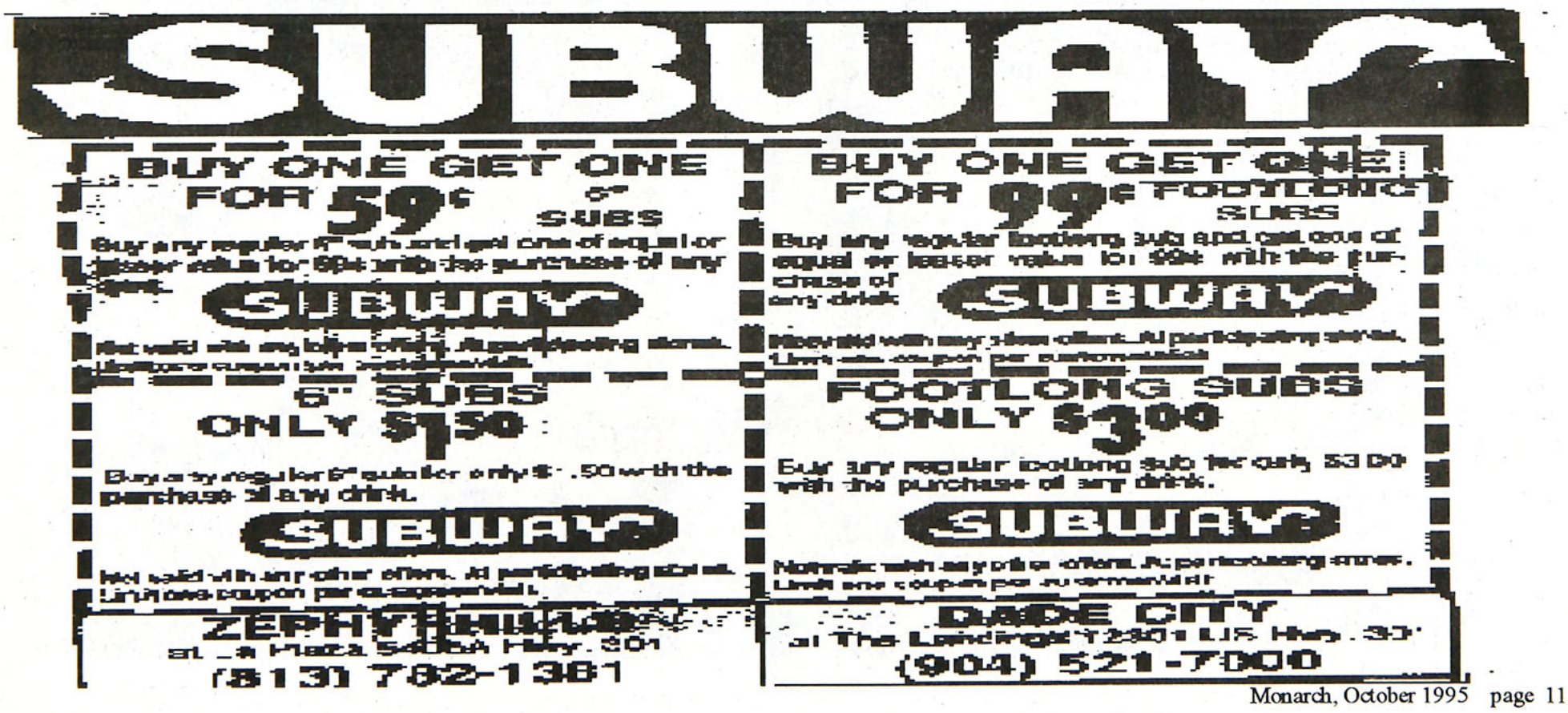
As far as my decision goes, I believe that trial by jury works through its principles of judging your peers, but should be reexamined by lawmakers across the country as to the reasonable doubt issue in detailed cases like this one. But one thing still remains constant. Yes, the evidence did support the prosecution's case, but also failed to prove it without any gaps or questions. Both the ill-fitting glove and the testimony of Mark Furhman presented the jury with reasonable doubt.

Those who have seen the film 12 Angry Men (kudos to Dr. Poznar, *Intro to Film*), we know how tough it is for a single person who has an opinion to hold true to it in the face of others. After nine months of being sequestered, I, too, would lose all abilities to stand up for my rights and would simply want to just go back home. The cameras in the courtroom and Judge Ito's lack of control of council let this verdict happen. It is not a racial issue, though that is what the defense would like you to believe. The jury system did not fail as many people believe.

Nobody knows what went on in that deliberation room except the jurors. How many Henry Fondas, those who are willing to not fall into the trap of conformity, were there on that jury? We will never know at least until the books and movies start rolling in.

This case is just one in a thousand, perhaps more, that go on every day in every city that deals with domestic violence and murder. Why should this one have any more effect? The American Public just continually proves its lack of values when something of this nature happens. Celebrities seem to dictate everything that goes on in our country.

Trial by jury has seemed to work for as long as this country has been around. It has its good points and its bad points. Some people would rather have an average person like themselves give them their fate than a corrupt elected official or judge. Yet there are others who would say they would want someone who knows the law and will take the time to examine each piece of evidence closely. Maybe someday the court system in the United States will be perfect enough so that no innocent person will have to suffer for anything. But is anything the government does perfect?



Student Leadership Coalition Schedule of Events

Friday, October 27
Fright Night
Universal Studios Bus Trip
5:00 P.M. Departure

Saturday, October 28
Halloween Party/Dance
Marmion/Snyder Lounge

Saturday, November 4
Busch Gardens Trip

Wednesday, November 8
Scared Weird Little Guys
8 pm - Cage

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Saturday the 28th of October

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